

State of Minnesota  
County of Washington

District Court  
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.  
Court File No.

CR-2019-192  
82-CR-19-480

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State of Minnesota,  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Warrant

vs.

**HARVEY THEODORE KNEIFL DOB: 06/25/1946**

7555 Bailey Road  
#308  
Woodbury, MN 55125

Defendant.

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The Complainant submits this complaint to the Court and states that there is probable cause to believe Defendant committed the following offense(s):

**COUNT I**

**Charge: Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated**

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1), with reference to: 609.19.1

Maximum Sentence: 40 years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/30/2019 to 01/30/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19003296

Charge Description: cause the death of J.A.K. with intent to effect the death of the victim or another, but without premeditation

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

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Your Complainant is a licensed Minnesota peace officer with the Woodbury Police Department. Complainant offers the following statement to establish probable cause:

On January 31, 2019, Harvey Theodore Kneifl (defendant), DOB 6/25/1946, was scheduled to make a court appearance at the Washington County Courthouse scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. Defendant failed to appear at the hearing. Defendant was subjected to a global positioning system tracker which revealed he was at his residence located at 7555 Bailey Road, Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota. Telephone calls were made to the residence in an attempt to contact the defendant. The calls were not answered. Woodbury Police were requested to conduct a welfare check of the defendant.

Woodbury police officers went to the residence and knocked on the door. There was no answer. Officers then obtained a key to the residence and made entry with a nurse to render possible aid. The key was used because the residence had been locked from the inside. The Officers and Nurse were informed that the residence has two bedrooms and two bathrooms.

When Woodbury Sergeant Maklad entered the residence he went to one of the bathrooms and found the defendant in the shower bleeding from a neck wound. Two knives on the floor close to the defendant were found. The nurse then began providing aid to the defendant. Defendant then told the nurse that they would find his wife, J.A.K (Victim), DOB 12/11/1946, dead in the second bathroom. Officers then went to the other bathroom and found the Victim with a blanket draped over her. The Victim was deceased. The Victim had a deep laceration on the left side of her neck.

Woodbury EMS was called to the scene and began treating the defendant's wound. Defendant was transported to a local hospital to receive care. Defendant made the statement to the EMS Staff that he "had helped his wife out last night." The Victim's body was transported to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. Dr. Mills of the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office has ruled the death as a homicide. The cause of death was consistent with the deep laceration on Victim's neck.

Law enforcement went to the hospital and after defendant was in the post-operative room they read him his Miranda Warning and he agreed to speak with Woodbury Officer Ofstead. Defendant stated that the Victim has been suffering from Alzheimer's disease for the last four years, that he thought she was in heaven and he helped her get there. He stated that he had placed two knives in a linen closet a couple hours before he and the Victim watched the ten o'clock news. He then stated that they watched the news together. After watching the news he helped the Victim into the bathroom. The defendant told the Victim that he was going to help her get to heaven. The Defendant stated that he took one of the knives and cut her throat and put her in the bathtub. Defendant stated it took twenty minutes for her to pass. The Defendant then cleaned up the scene after he knew she was deceased. He then placed a blanket over her. Defendant stated he then went to the other bathroom and using the same knife cut himself in the neck and laid down in the shower. Defendant then stated he fell asleep and awoke when law enforcement and the nurse arrived. Defendant stated that he killed her out of mercy and that he was just helping her along.

## SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS

Complainant requests that Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release, be:  
(1) arrested or that other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court; or  
(2) detained, if already in custody, pending further proceedings; and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.

Complainant declares under penalty of perjury that everything stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116; Minn. R. Crim. P. 2.01, subds. 1, 2.

**Complainant**

Jeremy Miller  
Detective  
2100 Radio Drive  
Woodbury, MN 55125  
Badge: 64

Electronically Signed:  
02/01/2019 01:14 PM  
Washington County, Minnesota

Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Thomas D. Wedes  
Assistant County Attorney  
PO Box 6  
15015 62nd Street North  
Stillwater, MN 55082  
(651) 430-6115

Electronically Signed:  
02/01/2019 01:08 PM

## FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

From the above sworn facts, and any supporting affidavits or supplemental sworn testimony, I, the Issuing Officer, have determined that probable cause exists to support, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable, Defendant's arrest or other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court, or Defendant's detention, if already in custody, pending further proceedings. Defendant is therefore charged with the above-stated offense(s).

### ☐ SUMMONS

THEREFORE YOU, THE DEFENDANT, ARE SUMMONED to appear on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM before the above-named court at 14949 62nd Street N PO Box 3802, Stillwater, MN 55082-3802 to answer this complaint.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR in response to this SUMMONS, a WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST shall be issued.

### ☒ WARRANT

To the Sheriff of the above-named county; or other person authorized to execute this warrant: I order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the Defendant be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the court (if in session), and if not, before a Judge or Judicial Officer of such court without unnecessary delay, and in any event not later than 36 hours after the arrest or as soon as such Judge or Judicial Officer is available to be dealt with according to law.

☒ *Execute in MN Only*

☐ *Execute Nationwide*

☐ *Execute in Border States*

### ☐ ORDER OF DETENTION

Since the Defendant is already in custody, I order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the Defendant continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

Bail: \$1,000,000.00

Conditions of Release:

This complaint, duly subscribed and sworn to or signed under penalty of perjury, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer as of the following date: February 1, 2019.

**Judicial Officer**

John C Hoffman  
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 02/01/2019 01:28 PM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**Harvey Theodore Kneifl**

Defendant

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE**  
*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Warrant upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

## DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

**Name:** Harvey Theodore Kneifl  
**DOB:** 06/25/1946  
**Address:** 7555 Bailey Road  
#308  
Woodbury, MN 55125

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:**

**Height:**

**Weight:**

**Eye Color:**

**Hair Color:**

**Gender:** MALE

**Race:**

**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes

**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** No

**Driver's License #:**

**Alcohol Concentration:**

**STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID**

<b>Cnt Nbr</b>	<b>Statute Type</b>	<b>Offense Date(s)</b>	<b>Statute Nbrs and Descriptions</b>	<b>Offense Level</b>	<b>MOC</b>	<b>GOC</b>	<b>Controlling Agencies</b>	<b>Case Numbers</b>
1	Charge	1/30/2019	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2H31	N	MN0821100	19003296
	Penalty	1/30/2019	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2H31	N	MN0821100	19003296